**Guidelines for telecast of programmes on DD/AIR**

†1642. DR. D. MASTHAN:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed any guidelines for selection of programmes to be telecast on Doordarshan and All India Radio;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that these guidelines have been violated in the telecast of many programmes; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken against the persons responsible for telecast of such programmes?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No Sir. No guidelines on selection of programmes have been issued by the Government to Prasar Bharati. Prasar Bharati, enjoys autonomy in such matters.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

**Shortlisting of private agencies for programmes on DD/AIR**

†1643. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government shortlist private organisations for programmes and news to be given on Doordarshan and All India Radio;

(b) if so, the names of the short-listed private organisations in the first nine months of 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

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